

protect our land resources, designating new wilderness areas on our public lands, and reforming environmentally harmful subsidies that damage our lands and also hurt the American taxpayer.

I also think opportunities exist to try to work together to reauthorize several of our major environmental protection laws, such as Superfund, the Clean Water and Air Acts, and the Endangered Species Act. We have struggled with the reauthorization of these laws for several Congresses, and the time has come to look for ways to break the impasse on these very important issues.

We have also struggled, frankly, with getting more Senators involved in environmental issues as well. Several of my colleagues have remarked that with the retirement last Congress of our colleague from Arkansas, Mr. Bumpers, we on the Democratic side of the aisle find ourselves having lost a consistent and persistent champion of the environment. Fortunately, we still have wonderful leaders, and I have been pleased to support the efforts of my Democratic colleagues, such as the Senator from Montana, Mr. BAUCUS, and the Senator from New Mexico, Mr. BINGAMAN, and many others of my colleagues who have stepped forward to take up these issues. But, frankly, Mr. President, none of us can do this alone.

Not only are environmental issues by their nature complicated and technical, but they are critically important to the American people who overwhelmingly support environmental protection. We need Senators from both parties to take up these issues and move them forward, and we are having some bipartisan successes on environmental issues where Members are working together.

For example, I will have the pleasure later this week of joining with my colleague, the Senator from Delaware, Mr. ROTH, in being an original cosponsor of legislation to designate the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. I have had the opportunity to be a cosponsor of this legislation since I joined the Senate in 1993.

In addition, this week I was delighted when the junior Senator from Maine, Ms. COLLINS, decided to join me as a cosponsor of legislation I introduced to eliminate the percentage depletion allowance tax subsidy for mining on public lands subject to the 1872 mining law.

Mr. President, part of the legacy of Earth Day is a commitment to bipartisanship, and a review of the history reveals that fact.

For me, celebrations of Earth Day are always intertwined with thoughts of the day's founder, former Senator Gaylord Nelson from my home State of Wisconsin. I am extremely proud to hold the Senate seat he held with distinction from 1963 to 1981. Not only did Senator Nelson help to set aside a day for the Nation to think and learn more

about the environment, he acted by using the power of his office to work with colleagues to protect the environment.

Senator Nelson was a two-term Governor. During his gubernatorial tenure, the environment became a priority for the State of Wisconsin with the creation of the State's stewardship program, one of the important models for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, putting Wisconsin far ahead in recreational opportunities for the general public.

During his 18 years in the Senate, he saw, as he is still quick to remind me, great proenvironmental change under both Republican and Democratic administrations. The Senate created the Environment and Public Works Committee, passed the majority of our Federal environmental statutes with significant bipartisan support, and created the Environmental Protection Agency. Senator Nelson himself was the author of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which passed the Senate by a vote of 84-0. He was also the primary sponsor of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Act, one of northern Wisconsin's most beautiful areas, at which I spend a portion of my vacation time with my family every year.

I am now the author of legislation to provide some improvements to Apostle Islands and to review these lands for their wilderness potential. In his 1969 book on the environment entitled "America's Last Chance," Senator Nelson issued a political challenge which I find relevant today. He said:

The number one domestic problem facing this country is the threatened destruction of our natural resources and the disaster which would confront mankind should such destruction occur. There is a real question as to whether the nation, which has spent some two hundred years developing an intricate system of local, State and Federal Government to deal with the public's problems, will be bold, imaginative and flexible enough to meet this supreme test.

I believe Senator Nelson meant two things by his challenge. Not only did he mean that government must act immediately and decisively to protect resources in crisis, but he also meant that politicians must maintain that commitment over the long term. A renewal of this body's commitment to work together to protect the environment, fully respecting the commitment former Members of the Senate have made to us by placing us in the position of being vigilant stewards of Federal environmental laws, is an appropriate way on the eve of Earth Day to celebrate the true nature of ecological stewardship.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to be committed to that endeavor.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). The Senate stands adjourned under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:07 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 22, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 21, 1999:

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GWEN C. CLARE, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR.

OLIVER P. GARZA, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA.

RICHARD L. MORNINGSTAR, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 3033:

#### To be general

GEN. ERIC K. SHINSEKI, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531, 624, AND 628:

#### To be colonel

PAUL C. PROFFITT, 0000

#### To be lieutenant colonel

JOHN E. SIGGELOW, 0000

#### To be major

\*PHILLIP R. ADAMS, 0000  
FRANK D. BEESLEY, 0000  
MICHAEL D. ZABRZESKI, 0000

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5043:

#### To be general

LT. GEN. JAMES L. JONES, 0000.

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN F. BRUNELLI, 0000.  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN N. COSTAS, 0000.  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOSEPH C. HARE, 0000.  
REAR ADM. (LH) DANIEL L. KLOEPPPEL, 0000.

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be captain

SYLVESTER P. ABRAMOWICZ, JR., 0000	JEFFREY D. BRADEN, 0000
LUTHER C. ALEXANDER, JR., 0000	TIMOTHY J. BRADY, 0000
SAMUEL P. ALFORD, 0000	JAMES R. BROOKS, 0000
ALLEN C. ALLEN, 0000	JAMES P. BURANS, 0000
ERNEST G. ANASTOS, 0000	JAMES A. BUTLER, 0000
MICHAEL H. ANDERSON, 0000	KENNETH P. BUTRYM, 0000
BRIAN S. APRILL, 0000	GORDON A. BYRNES, 0000
RONALD G. ARINGTON, 0000	GREGORY G. CAIAZZO, 0000
MARK W. AUSTIN, 0000	CYNTHIA S. CAPPELLO, 0000
JOHN M. AVALLONE, 0000	WILLIAM B. CARROLL, 0000
WILLIAM H. AYERS III, 0000	LAURA A. CASTLEBERRY, 0000
ALBERT J. BANKS, JR., 0000	EDWARD CHEESEMAN, 0000
THOMAS M. BARANSKY, 0000	THOMAS G. CHULSKI, 0000
ANGELE W. BARROW, 0000	MICHAEL J. CHUTICH, 0000
MARSHA J. BEAUGRAND, 0000	MARTIN T. CLARK, 0000
RICHARD A. BECKER, 0000	RONALD J. CLARK, 0000
CURTIS R. BERGEE, 0000	STEVEN R. CLARKE, 0000
RAYMOND E. BERUBE, 0000	GEORGE M. CLIFFORD III, 0000
TIMOTHY F. BIGGINS, 0000	HENRY CONDE, 0000
RONALD L. BIXLER, 0000	GERARD R. COX, 0000
JAMES R. BLOOM, 0000	RAYMOND G. CRAIGMILES, 0000
RAQUEL C. BONO, 0000	JOHN W. CROWLEY, 0000
PAUL BOSCO, 0000	WILLIAM E. CURTIS, JR., 0000
KER BOYCE, 0000	PETER H. CUSTIS, 0000